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SUBJ: COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS OF FY 1977 MAP AND IMET

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1. MEXICO'S FY 1977 INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING (IMET) PROGRAM IS UNDER REVISION BY THE MEXICAN SECDEF AND SECNAV. NO RESPONSE IS EXPECTED PRIOR TO THE CHANGE OF GOM ADMINISTRATION AND THE ATTENDANT CHANGE IN THE HIERARCHY OF THE DEFENSE AND NAVAL SECRETARIATS ON 1 DEC 76. HOWEVER, I HAVE REVIEWED THE PROGRAM PROPOSED BY MY DAO FOR MEXICO AND FIND IT CONSISTENT WITH OUR FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.

2. IN REFERENCE TO THE REVISED FUNDING LEVEL, I BELIEVE THE REDUCTION OF 25,000 IN MEXICO'S FY 1977 IMET ALLOCATION WILL REPRESENT AN UN-TOWARD IMPACT ON THE TOTAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE MEXICAN ARMED FORCES IN VIEW OF MEXICO'S ALREADY SMALL IMET FUNDING LEVEL. AT CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL, THIS IMPACT WILL BE ESPECIALLY SEVERE IN FY 1978 WHEN THE INCREASED TUITION COSTS ARE TO GO INTO EFFECT. ACCORDINGLY, Q REQUEST THAT EVERY POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE RESTORATION OF MEXICO'S IMET FUNDS TO THE 200,000 LEVEL.

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